

a<sup>1</sup> a joining member interconnecting said hook member to said bottleneck-engaging member.

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a<sup>2</sup> 3.(amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 2 wherein said hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ring.

4.(amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 1 wherein said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging member is an elastomeric ring having an internal diameter sized to be received about the neck of a bottle.

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a<sup>3</sup> 8.(amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:  
an elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member;  
a closable-loop hook member for attaching to a support; and  
a joining member attaching said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member to said hook member.

9.(amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 wherein said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member is an O-ring having a low modulus of elasticity and being sized to be positionable about the neck of a bottle.

10.(amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 9 wherein said closable-loop hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and